

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is canceled and claims 2-15 are added.

**I. Claim 1 Satisfies the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph**

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 1 is canceled. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

**II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter**

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yamagishi et al. In view of the cancellation of claim 1, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yamagishi is moot.

With respect to independent claim 2, claim 2 recites that the light beam dividing optical element is configured so as to narrow spacing of a plurality of light source imaging in the Y-axis direction. The Examiner has already admitted that at least this feature is not taught, disclosed or even suggested in the applied art. As such, the Examiner has already admitted to the patentability of this feature in the parent application. Prompt allowance of claim 2 and thus, dependent claims 3-15 is earnestly solicited.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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